

South Carolina Broadband Technology and Communications Study Committee

308 Gressette Building
Columbia, South Carolina
Thursday, October 4, 2007

Minutes

Members Present: Luke Rankin, Brad Hutto, Dwight Loftis, Robert Barlow, Neil Mellen, Ted Creech, Mikell Harper, Miriam Hair, Janet Claggett, Mary Thornley, Gary Pennington, David Crouch, Katie Morgan, Catherine Morgan

Staff Present: Heather Anderson, Nancy Coombs, Ben Homeyer, Jennifer Robinson

Senator Rankin called the meeting to order at approximately 10:30 a.m.

The study committee heard from the following persons:

Jon Hamm from Embarq provided information to the study committee regarding how E-NC authority operates in North Carolina.

Brent Groome from S.C. Telco Alliance provided information to the study committee regarding the build out of broadband networks by the Alliance member companies.

Frank Ellerbe from S.C. Cable Television Association provided information to the study committee regarding deployment of cable broadband within the state.

Cindy Cox from AT&T provided information to the study committee regarding spectrum use and broadband availability.

Stan Bugner from Verizon provided information to the study committee regarding their support for the ConnectedNation approach in South Carolina.

Jerry Pate from the S.C. Telephone Association provided information to the study committee regarding broadband demand and deployment in South Carolina.

David Dunn from VC3 provided information to the study committee regarding the affordability of broadband and addressed the issue of the value of the spectrum.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 17, 2007 at 10:00 a.m.

Senator Rankin adjourned the meeting at approximately 2:00 p.m.